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Application of: Ferstenberg et al.

Serial No.: 09/209,815

Group Art Unit: 2767

Filed: December 11, 1998

Examiner: Myhre, J.

For: COMPUTER METHOD AND SYSTEM
FOR INTERMEDIATED EXCHANGE OF
COMMODITIES

Attorney Docket No.: 8854-006-999

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2000, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the record of the above-identified application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Filed concurrently herewith are an Amendment Fee Sheet and a Petition for the Extension of Time for Three Months.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 92, 93, 100, and 101 (as originally numbered). Please amend the claims as follows.

[86] 87. (Amended) A computer implemented method for an electronic intermediated exchange of a plurality of commodities among a plurality of participants comprising the electronic negotiation steps of:

(a) [receiving, at an intermediary computer program,] generating electronic opening messages [from computer programs representing the participants], wherein the opening messages [provide commodity exchange] comprise digital data representing opening requests of the participants to buy and/or to sell one or more

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FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Sir:

The fee required to be filed with the accompanying amendment of even date herewith concerning the above-identified application has been estimated to be \$246.

The claim amendment fee has been estimated as shown below:

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						135	\$	270	\$
						TOTAL	\$	OR TOTAL	\$ 246.00

Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.
A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Date February 7, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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